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THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RELATION TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A) REGARDING CURRENT SITUATION FATHER CYPHER MURDER TRIAL. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF NOTE NO. 2206, WHICH READS:

"MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE. NOTE NO. 2206. TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., JULY 27, 1976. MR. MINISTER: PLEASE CONVEY THIS NOTE TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH READS:

"OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE. REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, C.A., TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., JULY 23, 1976. NOTE NO. 839. MR. SECRETARY: INSTRUCTED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE AND IN REPLY TO YOUR NOTE NO. 1951 DATED JULY 1, 1976, I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE JUDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OLANCHO, SO THAT YOU, IN TURN, CAN COMMUNICATE IT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND WHICH READS: "JUTICALPA, JULY 10, 1976. MRS. SECRETARY, SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE. TEGUCIGALPA, D.C. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE STATUS OF THE CASE AGAINST JOSE ENRIQUE CHINCHILLA DIAZ, JOSE MANUEL ZELAYA ORDONEZ, BENJAMIN RANDOLFO PLATA VALLADARES, HECTOR
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DAVID ARTICA TABLADA, JOSE TOMAS LINARES AND OTHERS, FOR THE

MURDER OF MICHAEL JEROME CYPHER (FATHER CASIMIRO), IVAN BETANCOURT, RAMON ROQUE ANDRADE MADRID AND OTHERS, A CASE THAT BEGUN ON JUNE 17, 1976 IN THIS COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OLANCHO. THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS WERE IN THE SECOND STAGE ON MARCH 24, 1976, BUT ONCE THEY WERE PUT IN THE HANDS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC, HE REQUESTED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS BE DECLARED NULL BECAUSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS HAD NOT BEEN MET AND THE CASE WENT BACK TO THE FIRST STAGE. ONCE ALL THE OMISSIONS ARE RECTIFIED, THE CASE WILL AGAIN BE IN THE SECOND STAGE SO THAT THE ACCUSING PARTIES MAY LEGALLY SUSTAIN THEIR ACCUSATIONS AND THE DEFENDANTS CAN RESPOND TO THE CHARGES AND THE JUDGE CAN PASS JUDGEMENT. WITH ALL THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION, I HAVE DISCHARGED THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURTS OF JUSTICE, ACCORDING TO NOTE NO. 786 OF JULY 7, 1976.

RESPECTFULLY, AUGUSTO C. BUSTILLO. JUDGE OF JUTICALPA, DEPARTMENT OF OLANCHO". SINCERELY, COL. ALONSO FLORES GUERRA, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE. TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER COL. ROBERTO PALMA GALVEZ." THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION".

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